

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 22 with the amended paragraph below.

In Fig. 16, the application program 270 makes calls to both the AWT-type API 272 and the Swing-type API 276. Both APIs operate within the JVM 286. As previously described, the AWT calls are redirected to Swing components by AWT Swing lightweight Peers 274. The UIManager 278 includes a custom "Set Thread Look and Feel" method 280 for setting and resetting the look and feel, dependent on the current thread identifier. As previously explained, when application 270 needs to display a graphical control, an AWT Swing Peer 274 is created. To properly display the control, the Peer requests the current look and feel from the UIManager, by calling a ~~standard~~ custom method 280. Based on the thread identifier of the application, the UIManager returns either the default look and feel 282 or a custom look and feel 284 associated with the application. Thus, the same control created by two different threads can be rendered with distinct look and feel characteristics. The thread-relative look and feel functionality of the UIManager can be enabled and disabled by the AWT Swing Peers. If a request for the current look and feel is made to the UIManager while the thread-relative capability is disabled, the default settings are always returned.